

UNITED STATES ENVIRONMENTAL PROTECTION AGENCY

REGION V

AIR MANAGEMENT DIVISION

TELEPHONE MEMO

TO: Jim Welch, Caterpillar Tractor - Joliet
FROM: Brad Bradley, U.S. EPA
SUBJECT: Caterpillar Tractor Diesel Engine Painting

DATE: 6/20/84
TIME: 10:05 a.m.

SUMMARY: I asked Jim Welch if Caterpillar's Joliet facility performs engine painting. He said no, the engine painting for Caterpillar is performed at the Mossville and Lafayette plants. I asked if Mossville is in Illinois. He said that it is in Illinois, near Peoria. Mr. Welch told me that Joe MacLain is the man to call in Mossville, and his phone number is 309/578-6337.

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TO: Kahn

FROM:

DATE: 5/30/84

SUBJECT:

TIME: 11:30 a.m.

SUMMARY: I then asked Paul Kahn what the differences in operating conditions between diesel and automobile engines are. He said that as far as the environment that coatings for the two types of engines are subjected to, there is very little difference. There is no difference in operating temperature, and a diesel engine may actually have less corrosion potential.

Mr. Kahn said that a company called Deft is a supplier of compliant paints. Caterpillar Tractor may be one of their customers, purchasing water-borne primers. He said that Joliet, Illinois is where Caterpillar Tractor's engine painting facility is located; Jim Walsh (815/729-7214) is the person to contact. Paul Kahn suggested that I call Jim Walsh and ask if he has had any experience with diesel engine painting.

Paul Kahn closed by requesting that I call back and let him know what happens with my case; this is of concern to him because he feels that Region II will be pursuing similar enforcement cases in the near future.